

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MAYOR CARLOS A. GIMENEZ TO EXTEND THE COUNTY-WIDE CURFEW FROM 11:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO RESCIND THE CURFEW, ALLOWING INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPALITIES TO IMPOSE CURFEWS IN THEIR CITIES AS NEEDED AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIALS NAMED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez (“Miami-Dade County Mayor”), finding that a curfew was necessary to safeguard life and health due to the public health emergency related to the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), issued Emergency Order 27-20 imposing a curfew for all of Miami-Dade-County, including incorporated and unincorporated areas, effective from 10:00 p.m. each night through 6:00 a.m. the next morning; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1 to Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 27-20 allowed persons to be out after curfew if traveling to or from certain sporting events or religious services; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 2 to Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 27-20 extended the nightly curfew to 11:00 p.m. instead of 10:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission understands that the Miami-Dade County Mayor has continued to maintain the curfew as a way to reduce social engagement at private house parties and large social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, restaurants located in the City have been unfairly impacted by this policy, particularly because COVID-19 does not spread more after 11:00 p.m. than before; and

WHEREAS, the restaurant community is comprised of frontline, essential personnel: chefs, servers, line cooks and prep cooks, managers, hosts, bussers, expeditors and many others who drive this industry sector; and

WHEREAS, the restaurant industry is also the end user of the supply chain that employs drivers, warehouse workers, shippers and ultimately personnel whose products are bought from local fisheries and sourced from local farmers; therefore, the impacts on these larger industries that are served by restaurants being open longer hours extend far beyond just the restaurant workers; and

WHEREAS, the majority of all of those employed in the restaurant sector—from the server to the farmer to the delivery staff—have suffered financial impacts; and

WHEREAS, extending the curfew by one additional hour would allow thousands of extra meals to be served weekly without creating any additional risk to City residents, visitors, or businesses; and

WHEREAS, The Coalition of Miami-Dade County Chambers of Commerce, along with active local member Chambers of Commerce organizations, including the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, have previously requested that the Miami-Dade County Mayor extend the curfew to midnight; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission understands that each municipality located within Miami-Dade County is different with unique considerations relating to entertainment districts and should the Miami-Dade County Mayor deem it not appropriate to extend the curfew county-wide, the City Commission urges the Miami-Dade County Mayor to rescind the curfew, thus allowing individual municipalities to impose appropriate curfews in their cities as needed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission urges Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez to further amend Emergency Order 27-20 to extend the curfew until midnight.

SECTION 3. Alternatively, the City Commission urges Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez to rescind Emergency Order 27-20 to eliminate the curfew in order to allow each municipality to impose an appropriate curfew as may be needed.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2020.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

RAUL VALDES-FAULI

MAYOR

BILLY URQUIA

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY